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DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT

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1. SUMMARY: IN STATEMENT TO PREPCOM MEETING WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 7, SOVIET REP (TIMERBAEV) INTRODUCED
DRAFT OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION. SOVIET STATEMENT CONTAINED BRIEF CRI-

TICAL REFERENCE TO US POLICY REGARDING CONTINUATION OF ARMS RACE. PAPER (UN DOCUMENTS A/AC.187/81 AND A/AC.187/82) CONTAINS TWO PARTS:

- 1) GENERAL EVALUATION OF PRESENT SITUATION, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND A DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE ON DISARMAMENT, AND
- 2) GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM OF ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INTRODUCING FIRST PART OF DOCUMENT, ALSO CO-SPONSORED BY BULGARIA, HUNGARY, GDR, MONGOLIA, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SOVREP BRIEFLY USED HARSH AND ACCUSATORY LANGUAGE IN CALLING US TO TASK FOR CONTRIBUTING TO SPIRALLING ARMS RACE, ESPECIALLY IN ITS DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE MISSILE AND NEUTRON BOMB AND IN DECISION BY NATO TO INCREASE MILITARY FORCE LEVELS DESPITE NEED FOR REDUCTIONS. USSR ON OTHER HAND, HE SAID, MAINTAINED ITS INTEREST IN DETENTE IN SPITE OF THESE COMPLICATIONS AND HAD PURSUED AGREEMENTS FOR LIMITING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR. TIME HAS COME, HE CONTINUED, TO "MOVE ON TO SERIOUS DISCUSSION" REGARDING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS IN FORM OF BINDING, EFFECTIVE AGREEMENTS.

3. FUNDAMENTAL IDEA IN DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, IN USSR'S VIEW, IS THAT DISARMAMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY INTERNATIONAL MILITARY DETENTE AND REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS IN RECENT YEARS HAVE DEMONSTRATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE VALIDITY OF THIS POINT AND HAVE LED TO MBFR AND OTHER DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. DECLARATION SHOULD UNDERSCORE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLE OF NON-USE OF FORCE, AS WAS NOTED IN USSR- SPONSORED RESOLUTION FOR A TREATY TO THIS EFFECT IN 31ST UNGA, SHOULD INDICATE NEED TO HALT NEW DEVELOPMENTS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, SHOULD CALL ON ALL NUCLEAR ARMED STATES TO PARTICIPATE, AND SHOULD HIGHLIGHT THE NEED TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM ARMAMENTS TO PROMOTING HUMANITY'S TASKS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. PRIORITY ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN PROGRAM OF ACTION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISARMAMENT, NONPROLIFERATION, MDW AND PARTICULARLY CW, A COMPLETE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING, REDUCTIONS IN ARMED FORCES AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABEDS, AND AN END OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND TROOPS STATIONED ON FOREIGN SOIL.

5. SOVIET REP SAID THAT WHILE SOME CRITICIZE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NEGOTIATIONS, HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT AGREE, ALTHOUGH IT BELIEVED EXISTING MACHINERY (E.G., CCD) COULD WORK EVEN BETTER GIVEN REQUISITE POLITICAL WILL. HE EMPHA-

SIZED THAT NO MECHANISM OR INSTITUTION COULD REPLACE THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL WILL OF STATES IN BRINGING ABOUT SUCCESS IN DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. ONE FLAW, HOWEVER, NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. THIS IS NEED FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES, AND SUCH PARTICIPATION IS ONLY AACHIEVABLE THROUGH A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE WHICH COULD BE ORGANIZED TO TAKE DECISIONS ON CONCRETE MEASURES. THEREFORE, HE SAID, ONE OF PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD BE TO SET TIMETABLE FOR CONVENING A WDC.

6. FOLLOWING APPROVING REMARKS MADE BY POLAND AND GDR, USREP (WEILER) INTERVENED TO EXPRESS REGRET AND TAKE EXCEPTION TO THAT PART OF SOVIET STATEMENT CONTAINING ACCUSATORY LANGUAGE AND TO POINT OUT THAT SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORDS NEVER DISMANTLED A SINGLE CANNON, MISSLE, OR NUCLEAR WEAPON. NOTING THAT THIS WAS NOT PLACE TO DISCUSS ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, WE WOULD DO BETTER, HE SAID, TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF THE SSOD AND USE OUR IMAGINATION COLLECTIVELY TO ADVANCE THE COMMON EFFORT TO ATTAIN OUR GOAL OF REAL PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT.

7. COMMENT: FOLLOWING END OF SESSION, AS DELEGATES WERE TAKING THEIR LEAVE, SOVIET REP TIMERBAEV MADE QUITE APPARENT HIS CONTINUED FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH US REP AND OTHER MEMBERS OF US DEL; AND SOVIET REP FOKINE VOLUNTEERED, WITHIN EARSHOT OF NUMBER OF DELEGATES IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY, THAT ACCUSATORY TONE, "WAS MOSCOW AND NOT NEW YORK" TALKING. END COMMENT.
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